

Indian Creek Watershed Benefits From ICC Changes, SHA Says

by Virginia Beauchamp

In a February 3 letter to Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, the Director of the Office of the Intercounty Connector (ICC), Melinda B. Peters, provides an update on environmental projects related to this major roads project. Construction of the ICC at this time is well underway, beginning at Georgia Avenue north of Leisure World and heading eastward toward an eventual termination at U.S. 1 south of Laurel.

According to Peters’ letter, several revisions have been made to original environmental plans in the Prince George’s County portion of the right-of-way, providing, in her words, “a greater environmental benefit to the watersheds.” Nevertheless, the amount of funding available for these projects will remain about the same, her letter claims.

This assurance comes in a copy of a letter forwarded by Peters and written two days earlier by SHA Administrator Neil J. Pederson to Prince George’s County Council Chair Thomas E. Dernoga. Pederson’s letter

details changes in five major environmental projects within the county that he claims are based on “feasibility issues and a better understanding of environmental issues.”

Indian Creek

First among these projects will be stream restoration of about 2,600 linear feet of the Indian Creek watershed between Odell Road and Old Baltimore Avenue. According to Pederson’s letter, Indian Creek in this area moves through “a large, concrete-lined channel that carries almost no water depth during dry times of the year.”

This fact creates what Pederson calls “a dead zone,” blocking aquatic life from one side to the other. The agency hopes to “modify the channel” with what he calls “low-tech structures” to “provide a low flow channel” connecting the two sections. Pederson claims this change will cause no “negative effects” on nearby properties when storm discharges are higher.

Secondly, part of a berm built long ago will be removed be-

tween Indian Creek and a forested floodplain, creating about 1,100 linear feet of stream restoration. This change, Pederson claims, will provide access for the stream to its floodplain “during high flows.”

A further study of “the whole drainage area east of the stream” will also be carried out, Pederson promises, “to determine a course of action to treat the uncontrolled stormwater runoff” from nearby developed areas.

In another region along Indian Creek, about 1,900 linear feet of a second berm will also be removed “to restore the stream channel,” Pederson’s letter promises.

Finally, in a region of the Indian Creek watershed within the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center property (BARC), what is called a water quality “retrofit” is currently in place. This was an upgrade of a much earlier system, probably created many decades ago to handle runoff.

To improve water quality as

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After Restaurant Stabbing Council Questions License

by Jon Aerts

Lee Relph of Bowie faces attempted first-degree murder charges for allegedly stabbing two people with a knife outside the T.G.I. Friday’s in Greenbelt on February 17, according to the Greenbelt Police Department.

This incident had city councilmembers talking at its Monday, February 22 meeting.

“I think we have a very serious situation here,” Councilmember Rodney Roberts said during the nearly three-hour council meeting. “This is a matter of time before somebody dies over there [T.G.I. Friday’s] if we don’t do something about it.”

By “something,” Roberts was referring to the renewal of T.G.I. Friday’s liquor license, which is slated to expire May 31. “As of right now, I am not in favor of them having a liquor license,” Roberts flatly stated.

Recounting his first two experiences at Friday’s, one of which involved witnessing a fight, Councilmember Edward Putens agreed. “I’m with Mr. Roberts on this,” he said. “Something’s happening [there] and I don’t like it.”

Councilmember Silke Pope added, “It’s not a family-oriented restaurant anymore. A year ago, an officer was in the mix and was attacked. And I’m not sure how much liquor they serve or how watchful they are and who is consuming more than three or four drinks but something is wrong.”

No sooner had Putens asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin what the council’s options were than Roberts put forth a motion “to oppose the renewal

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GATE on Sound Footing Council Told at Meeting

by Thomas X. White

Members of the Greenbelt City Council held their annual work-session with the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) on Wednesday, February 17 at the GATE studio. Similar to stakeholder meetings that council schedules with Greenbelt organizations, the annual meeting allows GATE to report on current programs and activities and to discuss issues facing the local access channel.

Council also uses the meeting to assess how GATE is serving the community and to offer suggestions to the organization.

GATE was established as an independent local access television studio in 1987 with assistance from the city at the time of the initial cable franchise for Greenbelt. Once GATE charter and bylaws were approved, the organization became independent and worked to create local

access television opportunities for its members and to provide education for its members in the video arts.

The organization has been funded through a portion of the public access, educational and governmental (PEG) fees provided by the cable franchise for Greenbelt. A key development for GATE came with the Greenbelt Community Center when studio and office space became available on the second floor.

Council appoints one of its members to serve ex-officio as a member of the GATE Board of Directors. For 2010 that member is Emmett Jordan.

In addition to all members of council and City Manager Michael McLaughlin, GATE Board members attending the meeting included President Robert Zugby,

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Council Supports Pending State Bills, Delays Police Bargaining

by Barbara Hopkins

At its regular meeting on February 22 the Greenbelt City Council reviewed several state legislative bills of importance to the city. All councilmembers were present at the meeting, and the support for these bills was unanimous. Council also introduced three pieces of legislation of its own; one to postpone the deadline for concluding labor negotiations with police officers.

Associations

HB 28/SB 345 will require condominium and homeowner associations to have “a reserve study conducted of the common elements by a specified date and at least every five years thereafter.” The bill also sets requirements for such studies and requires that each association annual budget include a reserve fund. A report of the five-year study would be available to owners.

The House bill applies to associations with more than 100 units; the Senate bill lowers that figure to 50 units.

The bill does not apply to associations that issue bonds to meet capital expenditures. Current law says that a condominium’s annual budget must provide for reserves and capital expenditures. No provision specifically governs the budget’s contents, including a requirement for reserves.

Councilmember Leta Mach asked that the city’s letter of support suggest that cooperative associations be included in the bills. This suggestion was made last year when the city supported similar legislation.

Similar bills have been introduced in each of the past three years. Last year’s bill garnered unfavorable reports from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee. Similar bills from other recent years received unfavorable reports from these and/or other committees.

Two other bills address the priority of liens when homeowners go to foreclosure. HB 29 provides that, a portion of a contract lien of up to six months of unpaid condominium and homeowner assessments, would have priority over the holder of a recorded first mortgage or deed of trust, under specified circumstances in a foreclosure sale.

HB 842 adds late fees and interest on uncollected assessments to such a lien. The Maryland Community Association Institute’s Legislative Committee prefers HB 842, though it supports both bills.

Mayor Judith Davis reported that one phase of an association in Greenbelt East has over \$200,000 in delinquent homeowner assess-

ments and that responsible unit owners who pay their fees end up having to cover their neighbors who don’t. She said the city has supported such legislation in the past but bank and mortgage company lobbyists have been successful in seeing it defeated. Mach again asked that the city suggest including cooperatives in this bill.

Illegal Signs

County and municipal governments would be authorized to remove illegal signs along state highway rights-of-way and to impose fines of up to \$25 per sign if HB 216 is passed. Greenbelt already has permission from SHA to remove such signs, although no provision exists for enacting penalties.

The city has supported similar legislation for the past two years and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Committee also supports the bill.

The bill provides that the person or business whose name is on the sign is responsible for it. The bill also includes a provision for a three-month warning period before fines can be applied.

Resident Chris Shuman considers this provision too generous. People don’t get a warning for traffic violations, he said. He has

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What Goes On

Saturday, February 27

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

Monday, March 1

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with Board of Elections, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, March 2

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center. Info Nicole DeWald, 240-542-2057

Wednesday, March 3

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Room 114, Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

Thursday, March 4

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with GEAC (stakeholder), Greenbriar Terrace Room

Letters to the Editor

Good Neighbors Are an Inspiration

I was struck by the fascinating and intensely personal article in the February 11 issue by John Cooper concerning the discovery of an unconscious Mike Jones. It reminded me of the scene in the movie Schindler's List when Oskar Schindler, played by Liam Neeson, who saved over 1,000 Jews from certain extermination, laments the fact that he could have saved more if he'd only husbanded his money a little better. The human feeling of that moment staggered me as I watched. The utter respect for human life was raw and compelling. Mr. Cooper displays some of the same in his account.

John, you and your assistants, as it were, are to be commended, loudly and publicly, for assessing the situation and trying so valiantly to save a life. It's not about the details you failed to perform, if indeed there were any. It's about the actions you did take that probably would have resulted in success had you happened on the scene a few minutes earlier. What a great thing you did. And what a great story you wrote. Thank you for your humanity. I hope your self reflection eventually produces an appreciation for the wonderful effort you made to help someone you did not know.

I was also impressed with the obituary for Mike Jones in the same paper. I did not know Mr. Jones but might have submitted his name for Outstanding Citizen if I had. His record of giving and caring for his neighbors and fellow citizens was captured best in one sentence: "Over the years, he was a volunteer for many Greenbelt organizations and a mentor to many young men." We are informed, moreover, that he flew to Hawaii to help one of his young charges at a moment of need and that he adopted another. Amazing, and yet so representative of the positive things we do for each other when called upon to do so.

These storms highlighted many good feelings of cooperation we are fortunate to enjoy here in our little burg. People shoveling a disabled neighbor's car and walkway in acceptance and fulfillment of an unspoken task. Courts banding together to clear a path to the street. Neighbors checking on neighbors. I loved the photo of the "60 Court of Crescent Road Bar and Grill." I also was happy to see the many remarks of appreciation for the Public Works crew and for police and firefighters. Too often we take them for granted. Kudos, too, to the News Review for continuing to report and publish in a snow emergency and keep us together through communication.

Mother Nature once again

showed that she cannot be tamed. I find that oddly reassuring. As I sometimes proclaim, God help us if governments are somehow able to control the weather! It is also comforting to know that Mother Nature cannot tame the human spirit. The goodwill shown toward Haiti and areas of the world afflicted by nature's harsher manifestations are related to the same great human spirit displayed here in Greenbelt. I can only aspire to the great record of service compiled by Mike Jones and to an ability to respond to an emergency with the compassion and level-headedness of John Cooper, city staff and fellow citizens. Greenbelt is Great because of people and acts such as these.

Rick Ransom

Kudos to Co-op

I just wanted to send kudos to our own Greenbelt Co-op, which won my heart completely during the recent "Snowpocalypse" that kept our area buried under feet of snow. I was amazed and delighted to find how well-stocked the Co-op was, even when the bigger supermarkets had thrown up their hands. Our excellent Co-op staff was obviously working hard to keep up with the extra demand brought by the storms and completely outclassed every store in the area.

Every time I find a fabulous new organic item and realize how hard Bob Davis and his staff are working to contribute to a healthy Greenbelt and a healthy planet, I swear allegiance again and again to shop at the Co-op whenever humanly possible. My one traumatic experience shopping at Safeway this year, where express lines and real consumer needs are routinely ignored, convinced me to swear full allegiance to our Co-op from now on.

We in Greenbelt are truly fortunate to have such a gem so close to home and we should do all we can to support our wonderful Co-op for generations to come.

Brecken Chinn Swartz

THANKS!

Thank you to all those who dug me out during the recent storms. The path to my door from the shared walk was cleaned off three times by Ken Loo, Lora Katz and Raylene Grant. Lora also shoveled a space so I could open the door to my trash shed. I'd never met Lora before! The front of my garage was cleared by Ken Loo and Marshall Cohen. Upon learning that I cannot shovel, Amy Grier agreed to look out for me next time.

In my belief system a Supreme Being works through people; therefore these neighbors are indeed angels. Greenbelt is Great!

Hannah Gould

Funds to Renovate Springhill Lake Center

The City of Greenbelt was notified by a letter dated January 20 from Director James W. Price of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that Program Open Space Funds of \$470,500 have been granted to design and construct a 2,400 square foot addition to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Renovations will include new mechanical equipment, energy efficient fixtures and new flooring.

The addition and renovation will enable the city to enhance existing recreation programs and allow development and implementation of such programs as before- and after-school recreation opportunities, health fitness programs for seniors and creative and performing arts classes for all ages.

The project will incorporate environmentally friendly site design practices, such as stormwater management through bioretention devices, rain gardens and rain barrels.

Green building techniques will also be used. These will include light colored roofing, low-emission materials in interior finishes, and renewable and recycled materials. An on-site recycling program, water conserving toilets and occupant sensors, managed construction waste, energy efficient lighting and light fixtures that reduce light pollution are also planned.

Price said in his letter to Mayor Judith Davis that the city may begin with this project at the "earliest opportunity."

"It is a pleasure to be able to provide these funds," his letter said, "and to assist you with this important public outdoor recreation project."

Read Across America At CPAE on Sunday

On Sunday, February 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. the College Park Arts Exchange will present Read Across America. Celebrate reading with Dr. Seuss characters and paper bag puppets with Arts Specialist Aaron Springer. Spend time with kids at this free event, which is ideal for ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for this event as space is limited. Email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013 for more information.

The College Park Arts Exchange is located at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF FEB. 26

Crazy Heart
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Friday

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Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday

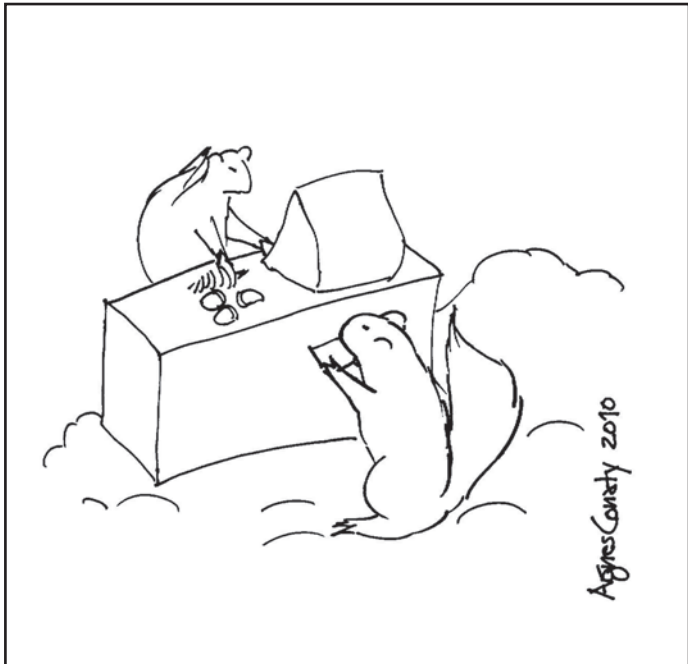
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Monday-Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

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Sen. Pinsky Offers College Scholarships

Anyone living in Greenbelt who plans to attend college in Maryland next year may apply for financial support through Senator Paul Pinsky's scholarship committee. Each year Senatorial Scholarships are awarded to 22nd district residents, usually ranging from \$400 to \$2,000 for each of four years.

For an application call Pinsky's office at 301-858-3155 or visit www.senatorpinsky.org. Applications are due April 9.

Genealogical Society Meets Wednesday

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

After a brief business meeting, Patty Shawker will speak on "Researching in the DAR Library." All are welcome to attend this free presentation.

For additional information see www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs or call 301-262-2063.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 1 through 5 will be:

Monday – Split pea soup, chicken filet with gravy, home-fried potatoes, green beans, fruit sherbet.

Tuesday – Orange juice, beef stew with vegetables, egg noodles, Brussels sprouts, brownie.

Wednesday – Navy beans, baked tilapia fish with butter sauce, seasoned cabbage, chunky sweet potatoes, red Jello with fruit.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, baked chicken leg with gravy, black beans, chopped kale, canned peaches.

Friday – Minestrone soup, tuna pasta salad, three-bean salad, cole slaw, sugar cookies.

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, March 2, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.

Wednesday, March 3, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, March 4, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

GHI Notes

Thursday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, February 27, 11 a.m. Pre-Purchase Orientation – Board Room

Monday, March 1, 7 p.m., Companion Animal Grief Support Group – GHI Library

Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, March 3, 7 p.m., Realtors/Lenders Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI Library

Friday March 5, Offices Closed (Emergency maintenance available, call 301-474-6011)

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

TRU-Greenbelt Meets Tonight

Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-Greenbelt) will meet Thursday, February 25 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway, behind the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Tom Webster, Maryland Department of Transportation liaison to WMATA (Metro), will talk about state funding for bus and rail service. This is a critical issue for Prince George’s County, with WMATA facing a shortfall of almost \$190 million in the preliminary 2011 budget. An understanding of the funding process will help TRU-Greenbelt fight for future transit services.

To receive regular updates on local transit issues and meetings, join the listserv at trugee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

New Deal Café Upcoming Events

On Thursday, February 25 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft brightens the winter season with mid-day melodies. The Songwriters Association of Washington will host the open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m.

Greenbelt’s “piano man” John Guernsey gets the weekend off to a rousing start with jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 26 (every Friday and Saturday). Evening brings “mOsno’s” world folk music from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, February 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. Bruce Kritt will play classical guitar. From 8 to 11 p.m. The Zekiah Swamp Cats play traditional and contemporary bluegrass.

Sunday, February 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lute during brunch (first and fourth Sundays). From 5 to 8 p.m. TV John and the Legendary Band present cabaret music.

Next Week

Tuesday, March 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. will feature belly-dancing by Brena and a free belly-dancing lesson. On Wednesday, March 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. Heather Maloney will play Indie folk. Friday, March 5 from 8 to 11 p.m. Rio Garage plays bossa nova. Saturday, March 6 from 8 to 11 p.m. the Café rocks to folk music by ilyAIMY.

Maloney Performs at New Deal Café

Massachusetts-based singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Heather Maloney will perform at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in support of her debut release, *Cozy Razor’s Edge*. Maloney has proven herself as a songstress, singer and a powerhouse performer; she uses lyrics, humor, spirited musicality and joyful performances to offer tales of love, self inquiry and the human experience. Her songs are like classic stories that can be read repeatedly, each time bringing new insight.

Maloney trained in traditional operatic, classical Indian and jazz vocals and was influenced by Joni Mitchell, Feist, Bob Dylan, Ravi Shankar and Tracy Chapman but she created a musical style uniquely her own. She



Heather Maloney, singer, songwriter and powerhouse performer, will play on Wednesday, March 3.

writes and performs her songs on the same guitar on which her mother played to her as a baby and also plays the mandolin, piano and Ghatam.

More information about Maloney is available at her website at www.myspace.com/heathermaloneymusic or at www.heathermaloney.com.

GHI Holds Spring Poetry Contest

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Communications Committee is sponsoring a “Harbingers of Spring Haiku” contest.

The contest originates from the idea that after this long winter frozen thoughts need a day in the sun. Contribute an original haiku on the subject of spring coming to Greenbelt. Receive “eternal honor,” a paper crown and a chance to publish the haiku in GHI’s Communicator newsletter and on its website. All ages are invited to participate.

Rules for the haiku are three lines of about 17 syllables total and a grammatical break like punctuation. It can be profound, it can be funny, it can be poignant. An example is:

Army of snowball warriors
guards my friends’ deck.
Surrender to spring sun!
Submissions should be emailed to annasoc1@verizon.net.

Greenbriar Phase 1 Meeting Tuesday

Greenbriar Phase 1 board of directors will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Terrace Room.

Arts Advisory Board Meets on Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

For more information call staff liaison Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057.

Explorations Hears From Hoyer Aide

On Friday, March 5 the Explorations Unlimited speaker will be Daryl Pennington, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer’s Greenbelt office constituent liaison. Pennington, a Greenbelt resident who is active in the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club, will discuss the services provided by Hoyer’s District Office. She has been the constituent liaison since 2008.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. All are welcome and questions are encouraged.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

NEW DEAL CAFÉ NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The New Deal Café will hold its annual membership meeting in the café on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Members will be asked to take action on two proposed motions to approve changes in the bylaws: 1) In Article VIII, Section 7 add at the beginning: “The Board of Directors shall not enter into any loan, borrow any money, or commit the cooperative to any financial obligation, in excess of a cumulative debt ceiling of \$10,000 without approval by the membership.” 2) “In Article V.5.e, change 11 to 8 to correct a typo.”

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Week of FEB. 26

FRI. – SAT.

Alvin & the Chipmunks “The Squeakquel,” PG-13
11:50, 2:10, 4:20
Wolfman, R (!)
11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30
The Tooth Fairy, PG
11:40, 2:10, 4:40
From Paris With Love, R
7:10, 9:50
The Crazies, R (!)
11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:30, 10
Cop Out, R (!)
11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:20, 10
Shutter Island, R (!)
12:15, 3:45, 7, 10:10
The Lightning Thief, PG (!)
11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
Valentines Day, PG-13
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MON. – THU.

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The Crazies, R
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The Lightning Thief, PG
12:45, 4, 7
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12:45, 4, 7

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Greenbelt Arts Center

Coming Soon

Man of La Mancha

March 19, 20, 26, 27, April 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 at 8 PM
March 21, 28, April 4 at 3 PM

Tickets are \$18 general admission, and \$15 for seniors and students.

COMING SOON:
Fred & Frieda - April 10 – 18. Directed by Sheilah Crossly Cox
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Obituaries

Dorothy B. Wilhelm

Dorothy B. Wilhelm died on February 4, 2010.

Born in Middletown, Pa., she had been a resident of Maryland since 1955 and of Greenbelt since 1979.

She loved the closeness of the Greenbelt community, as it reminded her of her small town roots where family and community are everything.

She was a registered nurse for 40 years, retiring in 1979 from the NSA medical center, where she was chief nurse.

Upon retirement she moved to the Greenbriar Condominiums. She belonged to the Greenbelt Community Church and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. She liked walking around Greenbelt, enjoying the beauty of the green space. She especially loved the Bradford Pear trees as they popped their white blooms in the spring.

Mrs. Wilhelm took up china painting and became quite good at it. She also traveled to many countries collecting dolls from all around the world.

She was preceded in death by her husband, G. Lloyd Wilhelm, who died in 1976.

She is survived by daughters Sharon W. Smith and Barbara L. Woolson, four grandchildren and their spouses and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Lebanon, Pa. with interment at Cornwall Cemetery in Cornwall, Pa. Arrangements were by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road, Greenbelt, where a memorial fund has been set up in her name.

Larry Lates

Larry Lates of Hillside Road died on February 15, 2010.

He had lived in Greenbelt for 45 years. He was a passionate liberal and an avid supporter of cooperative living, public option health care and a progressive Supreme Court reflecting its constituents and the world.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he reflected the life of New York City and the New School in Manhattan which he attended.

He was a member of Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

Mr. Lates is survived by his sister Priscilla and nephews Peter, Jonathan and Kurt.

Birding Field Trips

Join the Patuxent Bird Club and Prince George's Audubon Society members on Saturday, February 27 at 7:30 a.m. for a free half-day birding trip to local ponds to look for migrating waterfowl. Meet at Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Road.

Call 410-286-8152 for information.



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Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building



Perhaps the title of this column should be changed to Good Neighbors. We've heard so many stories, since the two big snows, of Greenbelters performing wonderful acts of helpfulness and heroism. We've heard of helpers being rewarded with gifts of cookies or home-cooked meals and of new friendships being formed. We all seem closer because of our hardships, more ready now and thankful to resume our normal routines.

Please continue to send in your news – especially good news – to share with your neighbors and new friends.

Congratulations to:

– Zohar Gitlis, an Earlham College senior, the daughter of Mark and Jessica Gitlis, who has been named an Earlham Bonner Scholar. The Bonner Scholars Program, supported by the Bonner Foundation in Princeton, N.J., is a four-year developmental leadership program that provides tuition and summer support for 15 Earlham students per class year who demonstrate a commitment to community service.

– Army Pvt. Clement Adu-Anakwah, the son of Nana Danso of Breezewood Drive, who has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Adu-Anakwah received

an associate degree in 2008 from the University of Maryland, College Park.

– Megan Shaffer, a freshman biological sciences major in the College of Arts and Sciences, who was named to the 2009 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Delaware.

– Greenbelt's County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, who has been selected as this year's Emily's Way Service Award recipient for "Giving of Self for the Advancement of Others." The award memorializes 2nd Lt. Emily J. T. Perez, a county resident and first woman West Point graduate to die in Iraq, in 2006. Turner was selected "for her impressive work with the youth and citizens of Prince George's County."

Greenbelter Phil Brandis sings and dances in a show by the Seasoned Players at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly on Wednesday, March 31. For information on tickets call Shirley or Frank Robson at 301-572-4975.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland


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Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
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Defile not your tongues with the cursing and reviling of any soul and guard your eyes against that which is not seemly Be not the cause of grief, much less of discord and strife Ye are all the leaves of one tree and the drops of one ocean. (Baha'u'llah)

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Orchid Live Auction at the Arboretum

A live auction at the National Arboretum will be held on Saturday, March 6. It will be entertaining and beneficial for beginners and serious collectors. There will be many rare and unusual orchid varieties from well-known growers and private collections to

choose from. The preview is at 10 a.m., sale is at 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Admission is free.

This event is sponsored by the National Orchid Society.

For more information call 202-245-2726 or visit www.usna.usda.gov.

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9:30 "Good Morning! Coffee and Snacks
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Art Exhibit Opens this Sunday

Sunday, February 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. will be the opening of "Paper and Paint," an exhibit of the work of Artists-in-residence Sherill Anne Gross and Kathy Karlson at the Greenbelt Community Center in Studios 301 and 303.

Gross' cut paper illustrations and Karlson's abstract paintings will also be shown on Thursday, March 4 from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7 from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Yoga Shalom

Saturday March 6 at 10:45 a.m.

Mishkan Torah Synagogue, at 10 Ridge Road in Greenbelt, MD. will sponsor a "Yoga Shabbat." This hour-long Jewish workshop experience created by Cantor Lisa Levine and Yoga instructor Carol Krucoff combines music and elements of a classical Hatha Yoga class with the four traditional parts of a Jewish worship service.

The fee is \$10.
Reservations required. Contact Darelynn Fung at dbfung@gmail.com or 301-441-2347.

Greenbelt Baseball
2010 REGISTRATION DATES

Saturdays: February 27 and March 6

10 AM – 12 PM @ Greenbelt Youth Center
10 AM – 12 PM @ Springhill Lake Youth Center

First Year Player Clinic @ McDonald Field
10 AM, Saturday, March 13

Major League Players Only
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Tee Ball Ages 5 – 6 • Machine Pitch Ages 7 – 8
Major League Ages 9 – 12

Major League and Machine Pitch
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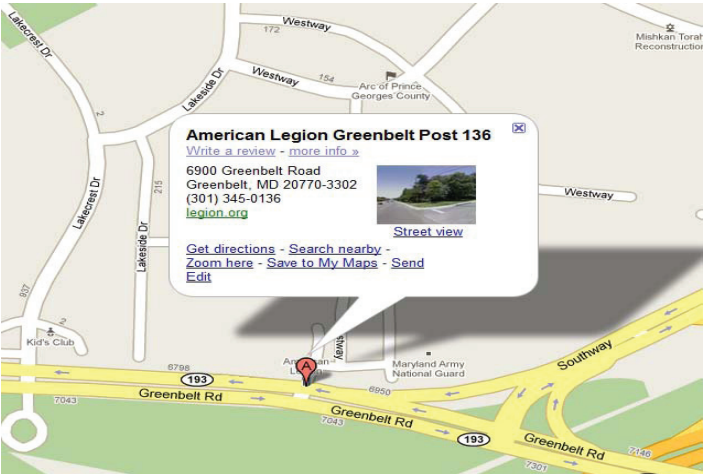
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www.leaguelineup.com/greenbeltbaseball



Make a Difference

Your Greenbelt Lions Club has been working in our community for over 50 years. Learn how you may help and make a difference right here in your backyard. Come to Friendship Night to learn more and for free pizza and beverages. No RSVP required just show up learn and eat!

When: Tuesday, March 9th @ 7 P.M.
Where: Greenbelt American Legion Post 6900 Greenbelt Road



City Information

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 1-5

Monday, March 1, 2010, 7:30 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION, with BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 7:00pm, **GREENBELT ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, Greenbelt Community Center. Info: Nicole Dewald 240-542-2057.

Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Community Center, Rm 114. On the agenda: Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

Thursday, March 4, 2010, 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION with GEAC** (stakeholder) at the Greenbriar Terrace Room.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

SPRING AND SUMMER
CAMP REGISTRATION!

THE CAMPS PROGRAMS BROCHURE FOR 2010 IS NOW POSTED AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV. Registration is now being accepted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Download the camp brochure and forms now and secure your child's spot in the City's very popular programs. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY OF THE BROCHURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECREATION BUSINESS OFFICE AT 301-397-2200.

Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. Applications are available on the City website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Interviews for this committee are ongoing.

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING FOR THE HOME
A FREE WORKSHOP!

Saturday, March 13 from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road



Spring is just around the bend. Go green this spring and create a sustainable landscape in your backyard. The City of Greenbelt has partnered with the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners, and the Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy to bring you the very best experts in the field.

Learn about everything and anything you will need to know about sustainable landscaping in this FREE community forum. Topics include composting, choosing native plants, rain barrels, and more.

Register in advance by calling 301-397-2208 or by going to Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov and registering through RecLink. There is NO COST to register. Do not miss this opportunity to learn from the experts!

ANIMAL SHELTER PETS
OF THE MONTH



Hank: Orange and white male. 8 years old. (top left)



Snowball: All white beautiful white male. 5 years old. (middle left)

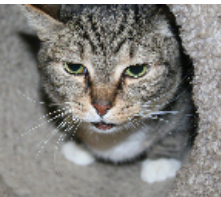


Frosty: Beautiful White and Gray female around 2 years old. (bottom left)

Jenny: 10-month old female Dachshund. (top right)

Lex: 5 year old male tiger stripe. (right middle)

Tony: 5 month old black and white male. (bottom right)



Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook! Greenbelt Animal Shelter is located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road, is open on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

Thank you to all for your donations. The shelter is still in need of KITTY LITTER ! Please drop off donations at the shelter.

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Treasurer Tom White and members Alan Haley and Peter Lord, GATE Executive Director Malia Murray, Animation Coordinator George Kochell, GATE member Matt Byrd, William Orleans also attended.

Fiscal Report

Following welcome remarks by Zugby, White provided a brief fiscal report for GATE. The organization remains on a sound financial footing, he said, with its main funding coming from the city’s annual contribution and with quarterly payments provided by two cable franchises as part of their PEG fees.

With the two franchises, the quarterly payment remains about \$15,000 each quarter, he said, with Comcast at approximately \$12,000 and the new franchisee, Verizon Fios, at approximately \$3,000.

White expects that the Fios share may increase as its subscriber share increases, while the Comcast share may remain steady or decrease as the Fios share grows. On the expense side, White reported the largest annual expenditure for GATE was payroll and benefits for its three employees, a full-time executive director, half-time animation coordinator and a part-time production assistant. The next highest expenditure for GATE was purchase and replacement of equipment and software for video and animation productions.

Following White’s presentation, Kochell reported on the GATE/GAVA (Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts) animation program, now in its 11th year, and focused on animation education for Greenbelt youth. He also described animation productions created by Greenbelt youth last year, noting that several GATE/GAVA productions had earned honors in local or national animation competitions and had been shown as part of the GATE-sponsored Utopia Film Festival and the Greenbelt New Year celebration. He also noted a two-year collaboration with the Pathways Schools of Silver Spring, where special students were introduced to animation production methods. At the end of his report, Kochell advised council of the growing popularity of the GATE/GAVA program and pressure to expand its class size from five to seven students, putting pressure on both available space and equipment and software needs.

GATE Operating

Executive Director Malia Murray reported on overall GATE operations. She described the 2009 start-up of GATE’s own local access channels on the Comcast and Fios systems.

Before creating these new channels (Channel 19 on Fios and Channel 77 on Comcast), GATE productions were telecast only a few days a week on the city’s Channel 71. Murray noted that GATE has been increasing its showings on the channels and spending time improving these offerings on the channels.

Councilmembers were interested in this ability and suggested that GATE publicize the schedule for the channel listings so citizens would know what was being offered.

Murray also reported on various cooperative efforts between GATE and the city, where she sometimes acts as back-up for Beverly Palau, the city’s information director, and assists the city with the Recreation Department’s Video Camp program during the summer and does shoots of various city programs such as the Labor Day parade and other festivals.

The mayor and council suggested that short videos might be produced to highlight city organizations. GATE representatives offered to follow up on the suggestion.

Zugby provided closing remarks, emphasizing cooperation between the city and GATE, such as sharing equipment and personnel and assisting with city-sponsored video-related programs. He noted the increasing capabilities and popularity with the GATE/GAVA animation program and the pressure to expand that youth activity.

Zugby also noted the five-year experience with the GATE-sponsored Utopia Film Festival and its growing success. Council noted their regret that the Film Festival occurred during the last week of October, thus conflicting with the annual Legislative Conference of the Maryland Municipal League. Zugby also reminded council of an ever-increasing problem with sufficient space to accommodate GATE’s growing programs. Council members noted several potential possibilities, such as vacant offices in Roosevelt Center and the vacant space of the old Post Office facility.

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well as to handle the quantity of water from agricultural runoff on about 200 acres of the farm, planners intend to install two more retrofits. Pederson claims this change will “proportionately” increase the environmental benefit.

Paint Branch

Finally, what Pederson calls “the largest drainage area” of the ICC project will be reopened. This runs from the confluence of Paint Branch and Little Paint Branch, moving downstream to MD Route 193 at the Paint Branch Golf Course.

Since construction of the golf course, his letter claims, “significant filling” has been carried out to confine the stream channel so that storm water could not flow into the flood plain.

“The large drainage area of approximately 23 square miles upstream of this project,” Pederson writes, “represents by far the largest stream channel being worked on as part of the ICC and provides much greater environmental benefits than the project it replaced.” In all, the number of linear feet of stream involvement in this area will be expanded from

1,200 to 2,400.

Nevertheless, Pederson promises that the SHA will work with the county “to review the latest watershed study data” to discover if even “higher-priority projects” should be included.

Having defined these proposed future environmental changes, Pederson’s letter goes on to list four previously included items that have since been eliminated. They are “no longer needed,” he claims, or are “technically impractical.”

The five changes described in the letter to Dernoga constitute “a greater environmental benefit to the watersheds,” Pederson concludes.

Aviation Museum Has Mad Science Program

Join Mad Science of Washington, D.C. for an interactive program about science at College Park Aviation Museum on Saturday, March 6 with two sessions at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Before the Wright Brothers could invent their airplane, they had to understand the science that makes flying possible.

There is a fee. Call 301-864-6029 for more information.

The College Park Aviation Museum is at 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive in College Park.



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Murder

February 17, 10:31 p.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 36-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with attempted murder, first and second degree assault and possession of a deadly weapon after allegedly stabbing two individuals. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Robberies

February 16, 9:28 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Two people were approached by two men who displayed a handgun, demanded money and fled after taking a wallet and purse. The robbers are described as black males, each 30 years of age wearing all black, one 6' tall, 180 pounds and the other 5'8" tall, 170 pounds.

February 17, 2:43 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Two males approached a person and demanded property but when the person turned to fight them, they fled. They are described as black males, 17 to 19 years old with thin builds, each wearing dark jackets, one 5'11" to 6' tall and the other 5'5" to 5'7" tall.

February 18, 5:30 p.m., Ora Glen at Frankfort Drive. Four males 17 to 18 years old approached and threatened a man, demanding his property. They fled with his iPod.

Burglary

February 16, 7:22 p.m. An attempted burglary was reported in the 6600 block Lake Park Drive.

Trespass Arrests

February 13, 7:12 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A 44-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with tres-

passing on private property and disorderly conduct. He was released on citations pending trial.

February 17, 8:08 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A 26-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and released on a citation pending trial.

February 18, 4:26 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 26-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and disorderly conduct. He was released on citations pending trial.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was reported stolen from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway, a gray 1996 Dodge Caravan with MD tags.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A gray 2005 Mercury Mountaineer reported stolen through the Prince William, Va. Police Department was recovered in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway with no arrests made. A gray 2005 Dodge Caravan reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department was recovered in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway with no arrests made.

There were seven reports of thefts from autos: 6900 block Hanover Parkway (rear MD tag), 9100 block Edmonston Court (rear MD tag), 9100 block Edmonston Road (DVD player, speakers and an amplifier), 8000 block Mandan Road, two incidents (front MD tag, car stereo), 7800 block Mandan Road (TV screen, stereo control panel and subwoofer), 7400 block Greenbelt Road (purse and wallet).

Vandalism (slashed car tires) occurred in the 100 block Westway and at Beltway Plaza Mall.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Delegate Gaines Offers Legislator Scholarship

Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines has announced the scholarship application period for House of Delegate Scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year is now open. Applications can be obtained online at www.tawannagaines.org or by calling Gaines' office. The deadline to apply is April 1.

To qualify, applicants must reside in the 22nd legislative district and be high school seniors or attending an accredited institution of higher education in Maryland. Scholarships are awarded for undergraduate, graduate or professional studies or a hospital nursing school with a Commission-approved curriculum. The school must be in Maryland unless the student is enrolling in an academic program not offered in Maryland and obtains a "unique" major approval from the Director of the Office of Student Financial Assistance to that effect.

For further details call Delegate Gaines' office at 301-858-3058.

Family to Family Education Course

The National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Prince George's County is sponsoring March 2010 Family to Family Education, a 12-week course starting Tuesday, March 9 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This course is for family members and caregivers of individuals with a mental illness, including disorders such as bipolar, panic, schizoaffective, borderline personality, major depression, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive and co-occurring brain disorder with addictive disorder.

Facts about diagnosis and dealing with critical periods during each illness, biology of the brain, new research, medication review, problem solving, empathy, communication skills, self-care, rehabilitative services, advocacy and fighting stigma will be covered. NAMI is located at 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton. The course and instructional materials are free.

Call 301-572-9058 to register.



PHOTO BY RICHARD SANDERSON

Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 celebrates Scouting's 100th anniversary at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet on February 21. Shown are (back row) Cubmaster Gary Sanderson, Garrett Brown, Joshua Sanderson, Alexander LaBeach, Matthew Dickerson, Michael Wilson, John Commins and Jaden Dirksen. At the back right is Webelos Den Leader Matt Dirksen. Middle row: Jason Kalshoven, Malik Mason, Gregory Marshall, Zayd Khan, Nicholas Mulvey, Thomas Bailey, Brian McKenzie, Shayne Wimbush, Will Godfrey and Tiger Den Leader Robin Godfrey. Front row: Wolf Den Leader Michael Marshall, Yusuf Khan, Ibrahim Khan, Charles Bailey and Elijah Tyler. Not pictured are Bear Den Leader Becky Bailey, Alexander Marshall and Tyler Clarke.

Cub Scouts Celebrate 100 Years

by Gary Sanderson

The Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 Blue and Gold Banquet celebrated the 100th birthday of Boy Scouting on Sunday, February 21. The Greenbelt Community Church charts the pack for boys in grades 1 through 5 and is celebrating its own 65th year. This is the 100th Year of the Boy Scouts of America and 80th year of Cub Scouting. Pack 202 celebrated at Greenbelt's American Legion Post 136 with a presentation by Officer Kelly Lawson of the Greenbelt Police; greetings by Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis; a scout-related magician for entertainment; and dessert provided by Cakes and Confections in Annapolis.

Cubs earned the following awards:

Bobcat, the first rank award new cubs must earn, was presented to Tiger Den – Yusuf Khan, Ibrahim Kahn and Bear Den – Zayd Khan.

Boy's Life Reading awards were made to Wolf Den members Jason Kalshoven, Alexander Marshall and Gregory Marshall.

The Bear Rank was awarded to Thomas Bailey, Brian McKenzie, Nicholas Mulvey and Shayne Wimbush.

A Whitling Chip card was awarded to Nicholas Mulvey of the Bear Den and Alexander LaBeach of the Webelos Den. A Recruiter award was also earned by Alexander LaBeach of the Webelos. The Scout Sunday Patch for helping out, greeting members and collecting offerings was awarded to Shayne Wimbush of the Bear Den and for the Webelos – John Commins,

Alexander LaBeach and Joshua Sanderson.

Webelos Den achievements were awarded to the following scouts:

For the Fitness Activity Badge – Garrett Brown, John Commins, Matt Dickerson, Jaden Dirksen, Alexander LaBeach, Joshua Sanderson and Michael Wilson. Citizen Activity Badges were awarded to Garrett Brown and Alexander LaBeach.

Compass requirements were completed by Alexander LaBeach; the Collecting Belt Loop was awarded to Joshua Sanderson; and the Hiking Belt Loop was awarded to Joshua Sanderson.

Webelos Rank requirements were completed by Jaden Dirksen and Joshua Sanderson.

Gary Sanderson is the cubmaster for Greenbelt Pack 202.

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notMYkid Drug Program Educates Kids, Parents

by Altoria Bell Ross

The favorite drug for Greenbelt teens is marijuana, along with stealing cough suppressants containing dextromethorphan from drug stores to get high, a handful of parents learned during the not-MYkid program at Greenbelt Middle School Tuesday night. Despite this fact, 50 percent of parents believe that their offspring would not use drugs, thus the name of the program, which is designed to encourage youth to stay away from drugs and to educate their parents.

Corporal Marty Parker, who has worked in Greenbelt schools 13 years of his 20-year career, shared this information and descriptions of creative paraphernalia, signs of drug usage amongst teens and ways to broach conversations about drugs. Nationally, drug usage begins at age 13 – thanks in part to the internet and television. Normally it takes parents two years to notice the decline in their teens. To shorten the time span for detection, Parker showed pictures of every day items that teens have used to harbor drugs or as pipes. Innocuous highlighters, water bottles, flashlights, lipstick tubes and unopened soda cans with holes in them make the list for imaginative paraphernalia.

Parents should also watch for mood swings in their teens, lying, change in peer group, drop in grades and red, watery or glassy eyes. In addition to locking up the medicine cabinet, they should periodically search their teens' rooms. "Be nose," Parker said. Public information officer Kelly Lawson said that if in their search parents find an item they suspect as paraphernalia to contact the police department for possible identification and for resources to help the family such as Greenbelt CARES.

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Back to Back	Using heroin then meth
Big Harry	Heroin
Bagging	Using inhalants

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4. Oxycontin

of drug usage, Parker suggested parents use open-ended questions to discuss drug usage with their teens. Some of them include the frequency the student hears peers talk about drugs at school, the number of friends who have tried marijuana and the availability of alcohol and other drugs.

Such intervention is paramount with teens. According to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, "Significant parental involvement is the most important factor deterring people from using drugs." Parents should also pay attention to their kids' drawings, slang and clothing for images of blunts, bongos and marijuana leaves. Parker also recommended that parents use a home drug kit similar to the one distributed to the attendees to help set boundaries with their teens and to intervene if drug use crops up.

The Bacchus family of Green Spring II came out to the program because of their 7th grade son Brandon and three-year-old daughter Natasha. "We want our son to be educated and wanted to have an ongoing education and not lose sight of being drug free," said his mother Rohanie.

Denise Grusieczinski of Empirian Village said she came for another reason. Her 16-year-old son had been linking up his Playstation III to eye toy and was using the webcam in his bedroom. The state troopers confiscated his laptop for improper use.

In addition to drug use handouts, parents also receive internet usage materials.

For more information go to www.notMykid.org.

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previously appeared before council requesting action on illegal signs and spoke in support of this bill.

Shuman requested a greater police presence to deter or catch people posting illegal signs, which he calls "a virus out of control." He urged people to contact legislators who had allowed similar legislation to die last year to urge them to pass this bill.

Bicycle Plans

HB 282 declares a state policy for a balance between funding for specified transportation projects for pedestrians and bicyclists and automotive vehicles and that the 20-Year Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan be revised every year that the Maryland Transportation Plan is also revised.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts had concerns about the term "balance." Assistant City Manager David Moran explained that the term is undefined in the bill. After discussion of limitations and merits of the bill, council agreed to support it while suggesting the bill say that any revisions to the Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan will provide more, not less, service.

Sidewalk Construction

Sidewalk construction projects along State roads that include all municipalities would be given a funding priority by HB 786. The bill, introduced by Delegate Anne Healey, is supported by the MML Legislative Committee. The municipality would have to initiate the sidewalk request.

Davis said areas along Greenbelt Road are among those in the city in need of this bill. However, she pointed out, the state only funds 25 percent of the project, with the municipality providing the rest. The State could approve the project, without funds being available for it. Moran said the SHA also has to first determine that there is a "substantial public safety risk for approval."

Request Trial

HB 829/SB 560 would require the recipient of a payable traffic citation to make a choice between paying the fine, requesting a sentencing hearing in lieu of trial, or requesting a trial. The bill would save municipalities money because police officers would not have to report to court so often.

Maryland is the only state that automatically assigns a trial date to recipients of traffic violation citations. Officers must report on that date or the citation will be

thrown out of court. Most of the time ticketed drivers pay the fine and do not appear in court.

Last year Greenbelt police spent 864 overtime hours in court, Davis said, although this included criminal as well as traffic court. These court appearances not only waste taxpayer dollars, they also remove police resources from more vital duties.

Davis pointed out that money from traffic violations goes to the state, not to the municipality that spent the money to collect the fine.

The bill is a priority for the Legislative Committee of the Maryland Chiefs of Police.

Multifamily Recycling

SB 156 will require owners or managers of multifamily dwellings of 10 or more units to provide residents with recycling options by October 1, 2014. It specifies recycling plans, provides a civil penalty for violations and details the disbursement of such penalties.

The penalty funds would be disbursed to the county where the infraction occurred. Councilmembers suggested a revision that would send the money to the appropriate municipality.

Council also had concerns that the bill does not specify the number of recycling bins that should be available nor any details about their location. Council agreed to support the bill with suggestions about including language that would assure the adequacy of the

mandated recycling facilities.

City Legislation

Two resolutions read for first reading on February 22 will come before council again in two weeks for second reading and adoption. At that time council will discuss the ordinances and accept questions and public comment.

One resolution will adopt revised standing rules for the city council. Most recommended revisions are necessary because of the recent addition of two more members to council. Other revisions are editorial or would clarify existing meanings.

Another resolution introduced for first reading negotiates the purchase of design and installation of mechanical equipment for the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

An ordinance to amend the Greenbelt City Code would extend the negotiation timeline on city labor contracts with the police union from March 1 to April 1 for this year. This action was necessary because of delays in obtaining fiscal information from the State and because the recent snowstorms closed the city for two days, creating more delays.

Since council won't meet again before the March 1 deadline, the ordinance was introduced for first reading and suspension of the rules by Councilmember Edward Putens. After council voted to accept this action, Putens put the ordinance forth for second reading and adoption, which was unanimous.

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of the liquor license at T.G.I. Friday’s.”

“Today?” Putens asked.
“Right now, yes,” Roberts said. A vocal commotion among the council took place over the existence – or lack thereof – of a motion and the merits of postponing a protest letter addressed to the county liquor licensing board until Council could meet with representatives of Friday’s.

Eventually, Mayor Judith Davis declared: “Mr. Roberts has made a motion. Is there a second?”

Silence . . .
“The motion dies for lack of a second,” Davis said.

Deadline
McLaughlin then pointed out that a letter of protest to the licensing board would need to be submitted on or before March 1 – two months sooner than the council had assumed – in order to give T.G.I. Friday’s a fair warning of their happy hours turning dry.

This caused the council to rethink Roberts’ initial motion: to oppose renewal of a liquor license.

With the stipulation that we have a March 1 deadline, Davis said, “I will be willing to go along with this, as long as we are giving the owners a chance . . . to meet with us.”

Roberts couldn’t agree more. “By sending this kind of message . . . in saying we will have your license removed if you don’t

straighten up, I think that gives Friday’s more of a reason to run a better establishment,” he said.

“Kind of a wakeup call,” Pope agreed.

And thus a motion was passed unanimously to submit a letter of protest to the county liquor board against renewing a liquor license for T.G.I. Friday’s.

Note: As of Tuesday evening, management at T.G.I. Friday’s of Greenbelt refused to comment on this story, citing a “pending investigation of the stabbing incident.”



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A Review

Greenbelters’ Talents Add To “Connecticut Yankee”

by Carol Griffith

The current play at Goddard’s Music and Drama (MAD) Club, “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court,” is brimming with Greenbelt talent.

Although MAD has been in existence and produced its first play in 1970, because of its location on Goddard Space Flight Center’s federal property, the group was unable to advertise. It has almost become a well-kept secret to the Greenbelt community. That has been unfortunate for aficionados of community theater because the current production is a jewel.

The play is produced in the Barney and Bea Recreation Center at Goddard, a comfortable and accessible venue which contains a wonderfully large stage and table seating for patrons.

“A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court” was based on an 1889 novel by Mark Twain and updated and revised into a play in 1941 by John Fuller. In the play, Hank Bennett is a smart-aleck electrical engineering major with big dreams for the future. His sister and mother, the banes of his existence, don’t understand him or his vision.

One day, after explaining to them how time travel will one day take people back in time, he receives an electrical shock during an experiment and is transported back to the time of Camelot and King Arthur’s court, complete with Queen Guinevere, the magician Merlin,



Hank Bennett (Matt Baker) goes back in time to King Arthur’s days to meet Morgan Le Fey (left played by Kathleen Mil) and Sandy (played by Laura Anne Fisher) in “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court.”

the evil Morgan Le Fey and the chivalrous knights of all the familiar stories. He arrives there not believing he’s actually gone back in time and comes close to being burned at the stake as a magician, escaping only by his scientific knowledge and wits. The dialogue is quick and the contrasts between the two time periods are very funny.

The second act begins with Hank having been in Camelot a few months. He’s built and installed modern office equipment and is running a business selling toothpaste and soap, which leads to some very funny situations. Soon, in an attempt to overthrow King Arthur, Hank becomes involved. Will he change the course of history?

The director of the play, Mary Lou Fisher and her daughters Laura Anne (who plays one of the women at King Arthur’s court) and Trina (assistant director and stage manager) are Greenbelt residents, as is Caitlin Cummings, a member of the stage crew and a junior at ERHS.

The lighting was designed by Tommy Zanner, well known to GAC; Scott Candey and David Gardner, sixth graders at Greenbelt Elementary School, are in the light crew. Anne Gardner is a member of the costume crew.

Cabaret

An hour-long cabaret called “A Celtic Cocktail” precedes the play. Again Greenbelters add their talents – Anne and Jon Gardner, as the cabaret directors, play the fiddle and guitar respectively and Susan Breon plays piano.

The price of admission also includes light hors d’oeuvres, beer, wine and other beverages served at table. Tickets may be obtained by calling 240-475-8800 or on the web at www.madtheater.org. For security reasons tickets will contain the name of the guest and must be printed out and brought to the show. Be prepared to show your ticket and photo ID to the security official at the entrance to the Recreation Center.

“A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court” will play on Friday and Saturday evenings, February 26 and 27 and March 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. There will be one Sunday matinee on February 28.



Stevie Hunt, flanked by his parents and backed by members of the Greenbelt City Council, receives a certificate signed by councilmembers for his actions in reporting a gas leak near Lakeside Drive last November.

Major Planning Begins On Patuxent Refuge

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has begun work on a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) for the Patuxent Research Refuge. The plan will establish management goals and objectives for refuge programs over the next 15 years. Wildlife, habitat, land protection and visitor services programs will all be evaluated during the planning process.

The Service encourages the community to play a significant role in development of this far-reaching plan. Further information about the Patuxent Refuge, the CCP process and similar plans in the northeastern region of the U.S. is available on the Northeast Refuge Planning website at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning>.

Written Comments

To ensure consideration, submit written comments by March 31, 2010.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Email: northeastplanning@fws.gov including the subject line “Patuxent Research Refuge CCP”

Fax: send to Attn: Nancy McGarigal, 413-253-8468

U.S. Mail: 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01305

In-person drop-off: people may drop off comments during regular business hours at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708.

For questions or more information about the refuge in general, visit the website at <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5580.

Patuxent Refuge Scout Workshops

The Juniors Girl Scout badge for Earth Connections will be offered on Saturday, February 27 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge and will cover all requirements for the badge. This workshop is free; however, donations are greatly appreciated and can be donated through the Friends of Patuxent. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information regarding this workshop call the refuge at 301-497-5887.

Greenbelt Artists’ Works Exhibited in Annapolis

by Barbara Simon

Two Greenbelt artists, Celestine Ranney-Howes and Nora Simon, have artwork included in “Time/Space: An Exhibition of Prince George’s County Artists” in the Prince George’s County Delegation Wing of the House Office Building in Annapolis. Every year the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division of the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission displays a juried exhibit of works by county artists while the Maryland legislature is in session.

Ranney-Howe’s work in the exhibit is an art quilt titled “Sky/Askew.” The quilt is based on a traditional quilting square made up of patchwork pieces, all of which are printed with images and themes of space, such as stars and moons. Similar patchwork fabric is used in a decorative border, with blue and orange predominating in the quilt.

Ranney-Howe is a resident artist at the Greenbelt Commu-

nity Center studios. She says she began sewing when she was 14 and growing up in Hawaii. She then studied fashion and costume design at the University of Hawaii and San Francisco State University.

Ranney-Howe, a costume designer, also teaches. Her love of fabric, she says, has always led her to new explorations in creating her own art. Her work on display at the Community Center consists of wall hangings that are a combination of traditional quilting and applique. She likes to think of herself as a storyteller in fabric, with her work reflecting her own distinct visions.

Photographs

Simon has two photographs in the exhibit: “Lights #1” and “Lights #3.” These photographs were taken at night using a long exposure to capture the movements of different kinds of lights. She believes these pho-

tographs take on a graphic quality that is different from traditional photography. She has become interested in taking abstract pictures that are open to many interpretations.

Simon is currently completing her third year at the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in Lancaster, Pa., where she majors in graphic design. She has a strong interest in photography and is a member of the Greenbelt Photo Club.

“Time/Space” will be on view through April 12. An artists’ reception will be held on Thursday, March 18 from 3 to 5 p.m.



Nora Simon uses long exposure photography to capture the movement of different kinds of light, creating a whimsical abstract that takes on a life of its own.